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Entitled: Gas Dispensing and Recovery Apparatus

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We hereby also assign and convey to said **AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.**, all the rights accruing to us by virtue of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Art. 4), including the right to apply for and to have patents issued in our own names.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and the Officials of the Patent Offices of all other countries to issue the Letters Patent of their respective countries to said **AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.**, as assignee of the entire right, title, and an interest in and to the same.

And we hereby promise and agree to execute all papers and perform all acts necessary to secure to and vest in said **AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC.**, its successors and assigns, the rights conveyed as herein set forth.

  
Neil Alexander DOWNIE

25 October 2004

  
Stuart Alexander KERR

24 October 2004